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PRIVATE TRADE IMPORTANT IN CONSUMERS' GOODS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer  
Aussenhandel, 6 Dec 50

Private trade still fills an important function in the German Democratic Republic and in East Berlin in regard to supplying the population with food and consumers' goods. The following data reveal the development of private trade in East Berlin:

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1949	
1st quarter	100
2d "	110
3d "	107
4th "	132
1950	
1st quarter	114
2d "	122
3d "	123
4th " (planned)	150

The percentage of private trade compared with the total trade turnover in East Berlin during the third quarter of 1950 is given below, by commodities:

	<u>Percent</u>
Basic foods	47.2
Luxury foods and beverages	80.3
Shoes	52.8
Clothing	31.0
Educational and luxury goods	70.4
Fuel	98.0
Health and hygiene	82.1

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In accordance with the planned increase in production, private trade will receive a larger quota of materials.

GRAIN PRODUCTS GO OFF RATION LIST -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel,  
30 Dec 50

The Ministers' Council of the German Democratic Republic has decided to abolish food rationing, effective 1 January 1951, except for meat, fish, fats, eggs, milk, sugar, and all products processed from them.

In connection with the lifting of restrictions on the consumption of grain products and leguminous plants, the HO Trade Organization has announced price reductions of from 12 to 50 percent, to become effective 1 January 1951. The new prices are as follows:

	<u>JDR</u>	<u>Berlin</u>
	(DM per 500 gr)	
<u>Flour</u>		
Wheat flour 0-40% (Type W 405)	0.85	0.85
Wheat flour 5-72% (Type W 630)	0.66	0.66
Wheat flour 5-78% (Type W 812)	0.64	0.64
Wheat grits (farina) 0-5% (Type W 550)	0.85	0.85
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Rye flour 68% (Type R 764)	0.35	0.36
Rye flour 75% (Type R 997)	0.30	0.32
Rye flour 88% (Type R 1500)	0.28	0.28
<u>Oat and Barley Products</u>	(DM per 500 gr)	
Oatmeal	0.49	0.54
Pearl barley	0.26	0.32
<u>Legumes</u>	(DM per 500 gr)	
Peas, unshelled	0.39	0.39
Beans, edible	0.39	0.39

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	<u>GDR</u>	<u>Berlin</u>
	(DM per 500 gr)	
<u>Noodles</u>		
Made of 40% wheat flour	1.13	1.13
5-78% wheat flour	0.90	0.90
70% of 5-78% wheat flour and 30% wheat grits	0.97	0.97
50 percent of 5-78% wheat flour and 50% wheat grits	1.01	1.01
	(DM per kg)	
<u>Rye Bread</u>		
68%	0.60	0.64
75%	0.52	0.60
88% (standard)	0.48	0.56
	(DM per kg)	
<u>Special Bread Varieties</u>		
Steinmetz bread	0.50	0.50
Health bread (diet bread)	0.64	0.64
Graham bread	0.54	0.54
Schlueterbrot	0.54	0.54
Knaekbrot	2.12	2.12
Pumpernickel	0.96	0.96
Whole-grain bread (Schrotbrot)	0.45	0.45
	(DM per kg)	
<u>White Bread</u>		
Made of 5-72% wheat flour	1.26	1.26
5-78% wheat flour	1.22	1.22
	(DM per piece)	
<u>Fancy Bakery Goods</u>		
Made of 40% wheat flour (crescents, small rolls, etc.)	0.12	0.12
5-78% wheat flour (French rolls, etc.)	0.06	0.06

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